

THE OLAA CROWN LANDS

AND WHAT IS BEING DONE WITH THEM.

Interesting Reports of E. D. Baldwin to the Crown Lands Commission—Other Items.

While in pursuit of his usual avocation—that of hunting up matters of interest for the numerous readers of the STAR—a reporter dropped into the office of the Commissioners of Crown Lands and was fortunate enough to meet Philip Peck, of Hawaii, who was making arrangements with Col. C. P. Lauka for leasing a quantity of the Olaa Crown Lands. In response to a request of the reporter for information in relation to the Olaa Crown Lands and coffee planting in Puna district, Mr. Peck said:

"The Olaa Crown Lands are situated in the Puna district, Hawaii, and lie on both sides of the new Volcano road, commencing at a point about eleven miles from Hilo and extending to the thirty-mile point or within a mile and a half of the Volcano house. On the south side of the road the lands extend to the old Volcano road, and on the north for a distance of three miles from the road at the Hilo end and gradually widening out to about ten miles at the upper or Volcano end, the corner being at Kulani. At the Hilo end the altitude is 760 feet, and from thence gradually increases until the Volcano is reached. Only a portion of these lands have been surveyed at the present time, and this portion comprises all the land lying between the eleven and twenty-four mile stations on the new Volcano road, extending south to the old road and north about three or three and a half miles into the jungle. All of the land within these boundaries has been surveyed and subdivided into fifty-acre lots by Surveyor E. D. Baldwin. Considerably over one-half of these lots have been leased, in fact, all of those fronting on the road for a distance of twelve miles, while many of the back lots are being applied for. Although most of the lessees of these lots have been on the land but a few months, they have not been idle, and what was nothing but dense forest and jungle a little while since is fast being transformed into neat clearings and cultivated fields. Very little of the work actually done can be seen from the Volcano road, as the conditions of the leases require that the forest should be left standing for a distance of 250 feet back from the road, except in front of any dwelling houses that may be erected facing the road. For a distance of about five miles from the Hilo end of the survey every fifty-acre lot is leased by natives, who are now living and working on the land. Any one of these lots is capable of supporting a large family and yielding a good income to its owner. Of course one must have a little money to live on while the land is being cleared off and planted, say for the first two years, but after that it should begin to pay."

At this point Colonel C. P. Lauka kindly furnished the reporter with a handsome map of the district, showing the surveys made and the old and new roads to the Volcano. The map also shows another projected road to Madame Pele's habitation, which will save seven miles over the present one and will be the one utilized for an electric road some of these days in the not far distant future, when American capital and industry shall have transformed Hilo into a fine harbor and city. With the map the Commissioner also handed the STAR representative two reports from E. D. Baldwin, the surveyor under whose direction the work spoken of above has been done. The first of these reports shows the improvements made up to June 30th last on lands leased to natives only in that portion to the tract spoken of above. In this connection it should be remembered that the survey of the Olaa tract was only authorized in March of last year, and that leases to the land comprised in the following report were only made out from January 1st of this year, although many of the homesteaders had commenced to work on the lands for some months previously. The following report speaks for itself:

Approximate value of the improvements made up to June 30th, 1893, on the Olaa homesteads, including number of coffee trees planted:

Houses.....	\$2,390
Fencing about.....	300
Value of coffee trees at \$10 per thousand.....	57
Approximate value of kalo planted.....	2,000
Total.....	\$4,747

Coffee trees set out, about 5,760 trees. About twenty of the homesteaders have built houses upon their lots, some having more than one house, so there have been built twenty-five houses.

Continuing, Mr. Peck said: "Many of the other lots have been leased, some to private individuals who have taken from one to three, five and ten lots, and others to corporations who have taken more. The Kona Coffee and Commercial Company of Denver, Colorado, which I was instrumental in organizing and of which I am secretary and treasurer, has twenty-four lots leased, or about 1,200 acres—the leases are for thirty years—of which we have about 200 acres cleared off, ready for cultivation. The resident manager is J. W. Mason, for whom the Company has lately completed a handsome residence on the property, the finest on the road, I believe, where he lives with his family. Houses have also been built for laborers, sheds for tools, fences and many other improvements. We have already a fine nursery containing more than half a million coffee plants in thrifty condition, the output of two hundred bushels of the finest Kona coffee we could obtain for seed. Speaking of coffee reminds me that on my last trip I went to the World's Fair and compared all the coffee to be seen and tasted there with samples of Kona coffee I had with me, but found none to excel it and very little to equal it. I am more than ever convinced of the fact that the Kona coffee came originally from the true mocha seed. I sent a quantity of it to coffee experts in Wall Street, New York, who have reported to me that they could not tell the difference between the samples submitted and the true mocha coffee. We are not doing any planting yet, believing it to be advisable to let the soil dry out for some time after being cleared off, the same as is done in the States of Washington, Colorado and other heavily timbered countries. This, however, is largely a matter of experiment, but both myself and Mr. Mason think it will pay in the long run."

Another corporation which I have organized and am going on by the next steamer to complete is the Aloha Coffee Company of Salt Lake, Utah, composed of a number of prominent capitalists of that city. This company has taken the lease of 48 lots, or 2,400 acres, and I am now arranging with Colonel Lauka about the leases which I shall take with me. It will all eventually be planted to coffee. The general altitude of the lands of these two companies runs from 1,700 to 2,500 feet, but it is not so hot in Hawaii as in Guatemala and one does not need to look for so high an altitude as there for coffee lands."

Other parties have taken leases on these lands, notably Mr. and Mrs. Le Blond, who came here from Telluride, Colorado, on my representations, and have leased 150 acres. They are now living on the land and propose to put the whole of it into coffee. There are others of my friends in Colorado who are thinking of locating here and will probably do so."

There is quite a demand for some of the lands lying north of the tract which has been surveyed, and I have brought the matter to the attention of the Commissioners in the hope that some new roads may be opened up and the balance of the lands surveyed. These are situated somewhat higher than those near the road, and I think would be especially adapted to the raising of fruit or potatoes. Peaches ought to do exceptionally well there."

All of these lands are covered with a dense growth of forest and jungle and much valuable timber is being destroyed in the process of clearing. The president of the Kona Coffee Company, Mr. Barlow, who was here a short time ago, took with him a number of samples of native timber, principally of the *ohia*, which is being experimented with in the furniture and car factories in Denver, and may lead to a demand for that purpose. I predict a great future for the Puna district."

The following additional report of Mr. Baldwin, relating to Olaa leased lands, will prove interesting:

Approximate value of the improvements made up to June 30, 1893, on the Olaa leases, series B. Including the number of coffee and cocoa trees set out:

Houses and Fences.....	\$991.50
Expenses of Clearing and Planting.....	6,000.00
Value of Coffee Trees planted at \$10 per thousand.....	1137.00
Total.....	\$17,052.00
Coffee Trees set out.....	113,750
Cocoa.....	980

About 300 acres have been cleared, out of which about 140 acres have been set out with coffee trees, and about 25 acres with other things, such as coffee nurseries, coconuts, oranges, limes, potatoes, bananas and house gardens, leaving about 135 acres cleared and ready for planting.

Thirty-five of the leaseholders have built houses, some having more than one house, so there have been built forty-four houses. Sixty per cent. of the lessees are doing something with their lots. This is a very good showing for Olaa, as the first leases were taken out on July 1, 1892, and work began a few months after. The largest amount of the improvements have been put in during the last six months. Coffee planting as yet in Olaa is still an experiment, and the pioneer lessees, including the larger companies, are planting only a small amount at present, which amount will be largely increased if the first planting proves successful. Every possible method of planting is being tested, as most of the lessees plant according to their own ideas. So that coffee is being planted in a dense shade, partial shade and no shade at all, at distances varying from seven, eight or nine feet, eight being the preferable distance. Also set out in all kinds of shape, some planted without any attempt at rowing, some partially rowed, but not spaced, and the best fields exactly rowed and spaced. Out of the 113,750 coffee trees set out, 35,000 have been set out in first-class style; also 75 acres out of the 135 have been cleared in good shape and will be planted in a few months in first-class style with about 60,000 more coffee trees.

E. D. BALDWIN.

HONOLULU SPORTSMEN.

They Organize and Elect Hon. S. B. Dole President.

There was a lively and interesting meeting of local sportsmen at the Chamber of Commerce last night at which a constitution and by-laws were adopted with the annexed preamble:

WHEREAS, certain desirable kinds of game birds, not naturally present in the Hawaiian Islands, if introduced, will multiply and furnish both sport to sportsmen and a valuable food supply to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the game birds within these Islands are not efficiently conserved by our laws, as at present enforced, and are decreasing in number; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen form a large, respectable and influential element in the body politic, and with mutual respect, harmony and concerted action will be able to secure the ends and remedy the evils indicated in this preamble;

Resolved, That we, sportsmen of the Hawaiian Islands, in convention assembled, form an Association, as hereinafter set forth, and urge the sportsmen of these Islands generally to join us in the promotion of matters beneficial and of interest to the fraternity.

The name adopted was "The Hawaiian Sportsmen's Association," of which Hon. S. B. Dole was chosen president; W. M. Gifford, vice-president; E. A. McInerney, treasurer; A. L. C. Atkinson, secretary; H. M. Dowsett, Henry Davis and E. I. Spaulding, directors. An initiation fee of \$1 will be charged, and annual dues of \$5.

Off for Hawaii.

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Off to be Married.

W. A. Kinney leaves on the Mikahala for Kauai this afternoon. During the week he will be married to Miss Alice McHyde of Elele.

The Arica Nut.

Commissioner Marsden has procured a number of Arica nuts for planting in the Government nurseries and wants to get more, if those who have trees will oblige him. The Arica nut is used in commerce in the manufacture of tooth powders. In India it is chewed by all classes, being first wrapped in betel leaf with a small portion of slacked lime. It colors the teeth a brilliant

red. Both the Arica nut and betel leaves ought to be exported from these islands in larger quantities than at present. The present export trade is in the hands of Chinese, who are probably making money at it. The Arica nut is also supposed to have a medicinal value, possessing a warm, pleasant, aromatic taste. It has been used in dyspepsia and kindred complaints with benefit.

THE CROWN JEWELS CASE.

Now on Trial Before a Jury in the Circuit Court.

The Conly manslaughter case went to the jury at 4:45 yesterday afternoon, and fifteen minutes afterwards the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty and the defendant was discharged.

At this morning's session the divorce case of Aua Momona vs. Alina was tried and a decree entered granting the divorce on the ground of failure to provide.

At 10 o'clock the following jury was impaneled to try the case of the Provisional Government vs. George Ryan, charged with the larceny of the crown jewels: J. B. Anderson, F. D. Wickes, J. J. Egan, Charles Lucas, F. W. McFarlane, Henry Davis, James Steiner, C. B. Ripley, F. J. Lowrey, C. J. McCarthy, George P. Castle, C. Bosse.

The evidence of the witnesses J. W. Robertson, J. H. Fisher, G. W. Macfarlane, Oscar P. Venison, J. D. Santos and William Wagner was taken at the morning session for the prosecution. After recess William Wagner completed his testimony and Charles R. Shillito was put on the stand and was testifying when the reporter left.

Concert at Makee Island.

The Hawaiian band will give a moonlight concert at Makee Island this evening at 7:30 with the following program:

PART I.

1. Overture—"Story City".....Ferrari
2. Ma-ch—"Joyce's Post".....Brown
3. Waltz—"The Sultan".....Bucalossi
4. Medley—"Musical Review".....Riviere

JAPAN AND THIS GROUP.

A SUFFRAGE TALK WITH MR. FUJII.

What Japan Wants—No Serious Trouble Likely—Not Opposing Annexation—American Policy.

Consul-General Fujii drove down town this morning and met several Japanese gentlemen who wanted to talk about the attitude of the United States in respect to Hawaiian suffrage. Later a STAR reporter called on him at the legation and was received with generous hospitality on the side of creature comfort and with diplomatic reserve when conversation began to veer toward the relations of Japan and the Provisional Government of Hawaii.

The Consul-General is a credit to the country which has availed itself of his services. No one could be more alert, sagacious and polite than he, nor could anyone say less of the plans of his Government in a more agreeable manner.

"You have read the statement that Mr. Blount would not permit Hawaii to grant the suffrage to the Japanese, have you not?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, yes," said Mr. Fujii, affably, "I saw it in the STAR."

"Are you at liberty to say what the Japanese policy will be?"

"You must excuse me."

"Do you anticipate any trouble with the United States?"

"None at all," was the answer. "The relations with Japan and the United States have always been friendly. To be an American is a passport anywhere in our empire; and no complaint can be made of the treatment of Japanese in the United States, outside a very limited circle on the Pacific Coast. I was a boy when Commodore Perry came to Japan, and having lived in the United States I know the feeling in both countries. It is most friendly. Here in Hawaii the Japanese do not oppose annexation, and shall not."

"Do you think that any trouble will arise over the suffrage question?" said the reporter.

Mr. Fujii paused thoughtfully. "May I quote you as saying that there is no danger of a serious misunderstanding?"

"Yes," replied the Consul-General, "you may say that."

"Will there be any more necessity, so far as you know, for the presence here of Japanese cruisers?"

"That is another question," said Mr. Fujii with a diplomatic smile.

The Consul-General admitted that he had talked to Minister Blount about the franchise question.

"Can you give us any clue as to his views?" said the STAR man.

"You know what they are as well as I do," was the smiling response.

"Well, suppose you were to get the franchise now and the Islands should be annexed, would the fact that the United States must deprive you of it in default of naturalization alter the friendly relations of Japan and America?"

"Not at all. Japan would not complain at the operation of laws, long since established, that would deal with all foreigners alike. How could she? As the case stands in Hawaii, all we ask is our treaty rights. These are covered in guarantees of the same treatment which is accorded 'the most favored nations.' Now as subjects of the most favored nations have certain voting privileges here, we ask the same concession, as we have a perfect right to. Why not? Of course, in the event of annexation we should be on a plane with other foreigners who could not vote without becoming American citizens. Of that we could make no complaint."

This closed the interview, Mr. Fujii not wishing to go into particulars about the present status of the suffrage case.

Quite a Coincidence.

Philip Peck, secretary of the Kona Coffee and Commercial Company of Hawaii, leaves on the next Australia for a trip to Utah and Colorado. This will be the thirtieth trip Mr. Peck has made on the same vessel, and with two exceptions he has occupied the same stateroom and the same seat at table on each voyage.

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BIG DEPARTURE OF ISLAND STEAMERS.

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NAVAL VESSELS.

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FOREIGN MAIL SERVICE.

Steamships will leave for and arrive from San Francisco on the following dates, till the close of 1893:

SAN FRANCISCO.		TO HONOLULU.	
Alameda.....	Aug 24	Mowara (Van) Aug 21	
Warrimoo (Van) Aug 21		Monowai.....	Aug 24
Australia.....	Sept 13	Australia.....	Sept 6
Mariposa.....	Sept 21	China.....	Sept 19
Oceanic.....	Sept 25	Warrimoo (Van) Sept 19	
Mowara (Van) Oct 2		Alameda.....	Sept 21
Australia.....	Oct 11	Australia.....	Oct 4
Monowai.....	Oct 19	Oceanic.....	Oct 17
Warrimoo (Van) Nov		Mariposa.....	Oct 19
China.....	Nov 6	Mowara (Van) Oct 21	
Australia.....	Nov 13	Monowai.....	Nov 6
China.....	Nov 16	Monowai.....	Nov 16
Mowara (Van) Dec 2		Warrimoo (Van) Nov 20	
Oceanic.....	Dec 4	China.....	Nov 28
Australia.....	Dec 6	Australia.....	Dec 6
Alameda.....	Dec 14	Alameda.....	Dec 14
Warrimoo (Van) Jan 2		China.....	Dec 26
City Peking.....	Jan 2	Oceanic.....	Dec 26
		Australia.....	Jan 3
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